

3. (Amended) A calendered hydrocolloid dressing of claim 1, wherein the ethylene based copolymer is one or a combination of any of an ethylene acrylic acrylate, ethylene butyl acrylate, ethylene ethyl acrylate or ethylene methyl acrylate copolymer.

4. (Amended) A calendered hydrocolloid dressing of claim 1, wherein the backing film layer is comprised of about 100% by weight copolymer, wherein the copolymer is about 21% by weight comonomer.

5. (Amended) A calendered hydrocolloid dressing of claim 1, wherein the material comprising the backing film layer further includes low density polyethylene homopolymer.

6. (Amended) A calendered hydrocolloid dressing of claim 1, wherein the material comprising the backing film layer further includes additives.

7. (Amended) A calendered hydrocolloid dressing of claim 6, wherein the additives are selected from the group of antioxidants, stabilizers and processing aids.

8. (Amended) A calendered hydrocolloid dressing of claim 1, wherein the backing film is comprised of about 65% to about 100% by weight ethylene methyl acrylate copolymer, from about 0 to about 35% by weight low density polyethylene, about 0.05 to about 2% by weight of any one of or combinations of any of antioxidants, processing aids or stabilizers.

9. (Amended) A calendered hydrocolloid dressing of claim 1, wherein the material comprising the adhesive layer includes at least a polymer and a hydrocolloid.

10. (Amended) A calendered hydrocolloid dressing of claim 9, wherein the polymer is a pressure sensitive adhesive.

11. (Amended) A calendered hydrocolloid dressing of claim 10, wherein the pressure sensitive adhesive comprises at least one rubber.

12. (Amended) A calendered hydrocolloid dressing of claim 11, wherein the rubber is any one of or a combination of any one of styrene-isoprene-styrene copolymers, styrene-ethylene-styrene copolymers, styrene-butylene-styrene copolymers, butyl rubber and polyisobutylene.

13. (Amended) A calendered hydrocolloid dressing of claim 9, further comprising at least one additive.

14. (Amended) A calendered hydrocolloid dressing of claim 13, wherein the additive is any one or a combination of any of tackifiers, stabilizers, plastifiers, processing aids or therapeutic agents.

15. (Amended) A calendered hydrocolloid dressing of claim 9, wherein the adhesive layer comprises about 15% to about 40% by weight polymer, about 10% to about 50% by weight hydrocolloid, and about 10 to about 75% of by weight additives.

16. (Amended) A calendered hydrocolloid dressing of claim 9, wherein the adhesive layer comprises about 58% by weight polyisobutylene, about 12% by weight butyl rubber, about 7% by weight plasticizer and 23% by weight hydrocolloid.

17. (Amended) A calendered hydrocolloid dressing of claim 1, further comprising a release liner adhered to an adhesive layer lower surface area.

18. (Amended) A calendered hydrocolloid dressing of claim 1, wherein the adhesive layer, backing film layer, or adhesive and backing film layer are substantially transparent or clear.

19. (Amended) A calendered hydrocolloid dressing of claim 1, wherein the adhesive layer, backing film layer, or adhesive and backing film layer are substantially flesh colored.

20. (Amended) A calendered hydrocolloid dressing of claim 1, wherein the adhesive layer is about 5 to about 50 mils and wherein the backing film layer is about 0.5 to about 10 mils.

21. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a calendered hydrocolloid dressing comprising the steps of:

- a. blending a backing film composition;
- b. extruding the backing film composition;
- c. calendering the backing film composition between a top roll and a center roll to form a backing film layer;

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d. blending an adhesive composition; and
e. calendering the adhesive composition between the center roll and a lower roll to form a hydrocolloid dressing comprising a backing film layer and an adhesive layer in a single manufacturing step.

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22. (Amended) The method of claim 21, further comprising the step of adhering a release liner layer to a lower surface area of the hydrocolloid dressing.

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23. (Amended) A calendered hydrocolloid dressing prepared by the method of claim 21

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24. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein said backing film composition is comprised of a thermoplastic elastomer.

25. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein said thermoplastic elastomer is an ethylene based copolymer.

26. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein said ethylene based copolymer is one or a combination of any of an ethylene acrylic acrylate, ethylene butyl acrylate, ethylene ethyl acrylate or ethylene methyl acrylate copolymer.

27. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the backing film layer is comprised of about 100% by weight copolymer, wherein the copolymer is about 21% by weight comonomer.

28. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein material comprising the backing film layer further includes low density polyethylene homopolymer.

29. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein material comprising the backing film layer further includes additives.

30. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the additives are selected from the group of antioxidants, stabilizers and processing aids.

31. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the backing film layer is comprised of about 65% to about 100% by weight ethylene methyl acrylate copolymer, from about 0 to about 35% by weight low density polyethylene, about 0.05 to about 2% by weight of any one of or combinations of any of antioxidants, processing aids or stabilizers.

32. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein material comprising the adhesive layer includes at least a polymer and a hydrocolloid.

33. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein the polymer is a pressure sensitive adhesive.

34. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein the pressure sensitive adhesive comprises at least one rubber.

35. (New) The method of claim 34, wherein the rubber is any one of or a combination of any one of styrene-isoprene-styrene copolymers, styrene-ethylene-styrene copolymers styrene-butylene-styrene copolymers, butyl rubber and polyisobutylene.

36. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein the adhesive layer further comprises at least one additive.

37. (New) The method of claim 36, wherein the additive is any one or a combination of any of tackifiers, stabilizers, plastifiers, processing aids or therapeutic agents.

38. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein the adhesive layer comprises about 15% to about 40% by weight polymer, about 10% to about 50% by weight hydrocolloid, and about 10 to about 75% of by weight additives.

39. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein the adhesive layer comprises about 58% by weight polyisobutylene, about 12% by weight butyl rubber, about 7% by weight plasticizer and 23% by weight hydrocolloid.

40. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the adhesive layer, backing film layer, or adhesive and backing film layer are substantially transparent or clear.